



Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan

Community Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Tuesday, May 4 | 6:00pm-7:30pm

CAC Summary Notes:

A full recording and transcript of the meeting can be found [here](#).

- I. *Discussion: If you've been vaccinated or are safely convening in public space – what activities have you enjoyed doing?*
 - a. Outdoor dining
 - i. Take away: Lax mask use and changes to the experience are deterrents for dining out.
 - ii. Desires: See outdoor seating opportunities along the corridor and continued education about safely convening in public space.
 - b. Markets
 - i. Desires: To see Farmers Markets in Ward 7 and along Pennsylvania Avenue and providing opportunities for black business owners, farmers, and entrepreneurs
 - c. Outdoor religious services
 - d. Utilizing DPR facilities
 - e. Seeing family
- II. *Discussion: How did you travel to the last errand you ran? What did you enjoy about your chosen mode? What would you have improved?*
 - a. Walking:
 - i. Trips tend to be local
 - ii. Concerns: 1) sidewalks are not ADA compliant due to narrow width, tree roots, and placement of infrastructure; 2) lacking separation from the road; 3) Penn Ave/I-295 interchange does not allow for pedestrian and cyclists to safely travel
 - b. Biking:
 - i. Concerns: unsafe given the lack of protected lanes, lack of signage, vehicle speeds, and quality of roads throughout the neighborhoods
 - c. Driving:
 - i. Concerns: speeding and drag racing, poor road conditions (ex: potholes and unkept speed bumps), disparity of road quality across the study area
 - d. Scooter:
 - i. Concerns: publicly used requires a sanitization need
 - e. Overall Travel Experience:
 - i. Concerns: the cleanliness of the corridor including sidewalks and tree boxes need routine maintenance, methods for keeping the commuter liter down,

- ii. Encouraged By: Capitol Hill Street Cleaner and Anacostia Watershed Society clean ups and restorations

III. Engagement Summary

- a. Reflections: Second feedback received about supporting homeownership, providing opportunities for black owned businesses, and closing economic disparity gaps
- b. Feedback: Planning process should have more youth involvement. Consider methods to hook youth in the process early and meet them where they are.

IV. Visioning Phase

- a. Feedback: Change visioning conversation to 6:30-8; give homework and assignments following each meeting; challenge community members to bring 5 new people to each meeting; show progress meeting to meeting
- b. Suggestion: consider using engaging facilitation tools such as [Miro](#)